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SUBJECT: DHEW FACULTY RESEARCH ABROAD PROGRAM, 1975/76 - AMERICAN
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REF: WARSAW 5338-U

1. PROFESSOR PIEKALKIEWICZ IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE RATE OF EXCHANGE AT WHICH THE ZLOTY PORTION OF HIS U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT IS SCHEDULED TO BE PAID TO HIM (19.92/\$1.00). HE HAS TOLD US THAT HE WAS NOT INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF COMING TO POLAND THAT THE RATE WOULD BE SO LOW AND THAT HE FINDS HIMSELF IN A DIFFICULT POSITION FINANCIALLY. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE GRANT CAN BE PAID TO HIM IN DOLLARS INSTEAD.

2. WE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN PAYMENT FOR THE ENTIRE AMOUNT, BUT THAT AS THE TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR FOR PROFESSOR IS 13,000 DOLLARS AND AS THE STANDARD PERCENTAGE THIS YEAR BEING PAID IN ZLOTYS TO FULBRIGHT GRANTEES IN POLAND IS 30 PERCENT OF THEIR GROSS SALARY, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE ZLOTY PORTION OF HIS GRANT FROM 5,800 DOLLARS TO 3,900 DOLLARS OR THIRTY PERCENT OF 13,000 DOLLARS. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, GRANTEE ORTON AND KARBONSKI

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